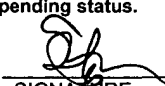


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 09450/0203332-USO
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/011355		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/550802
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 5 September 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 7 April 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION BALL JOINT		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Keiichiro Suzuki et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
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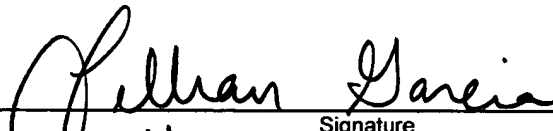
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